City Council Introduction: July 28, 2003 Bill Number 03R-209

Public Hearing: <u>August 4, 2003</u>

FACT SHEET

**TITLE:** Proposed Resolution to increase **SPONSOR**: Public Works/Utilities

Water Use Charges

**OPPONENTS**: Unknown

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**: For

**APPLICANT:** Public Works/Utilities

**REASON FOR LEGISLATION:** To establish a new schedule for water use charges to increase revenues for the Lincoln Water System for purposes of covering the costs of the Capital Improvements Program for F.Y. 2003-04 through F.Y. 2008-09 and to allow the issuance of additional revenue bonds for the same purpose.

## DISCUSSION

The Public Works/Utilities Department recommends that the current schedule of water use charges be increased as follows:

The Lincoln Water System is proposing to implement these increases with the billing cycle commencing November 15, 2003, and ending January 15, 2004.

Current Schedule  Providential Proportion	New Schedule
<b>Residential Property:</b> 86¢/HCF for the first 800 C.F. of water per dwelling unit per month	88¢
117¢/HCF for the first 1,500 C.F. of water per dwelling unit per month	121¢
164¢/HCF for all additional water used each month	175¢
<b>Schedule B Customers:</b> 86¢/HCF for the first 8,000 C.F. of water used each month	88¢
117¢/HCF for all additional water used each month	121¢
Schedule C Customers:	
80¢/HCF for water usage less than base to 5% above base	82.5¢
84¢/HCF for water usage 5% - 15% above base	86.5¢
88¢/HCF for water usage 15% - 25% above base	90.5¢
93¢/HCF for water usage for all water usage over 25% above base	95.5¢

This proposed rate schedule affects the average monthly residential bill by an increase of 48¢.

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